**Hurricane Safety and Preparedness Checklist**

**What should I do?**

* Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio broadcast for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). For more information on the types of receivers available please visit NOAA Weather Radio.
* Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
* Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (e.g. bicycles, lawn furniture, toys, trash cans).
* Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
* Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
* Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
* Fill your car’s gas tank.
* Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.
* Learn about your community’s hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.
* Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.

**What supplies do I need?**

* Water—at least a 3 day supply; one gallon per person per day.
* Food—at least a 3 day supply of non perishable, easyt o prepare food.
* Flashlight.
* Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible).
* Extra batteries.
* First aid kit.
* Medications (7 day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane).
* Multi¬purpose tool.
* Sanitation and personal hygiene items.
* Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies).
* Cell phone with chargers.
* Family and emergency contact information.
* Extra cash.
* Silver-foil emergency blanket.
* Map(s) of the area.
* Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers).
* Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl).
* Tools/supplies for securing your home.
* Extra set of car keys and house keys.
* Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes.
* Rain gear.
* Insect repellent and sunscreen.
* Camera for photos of damage.